How your lawmakers voted

House

HOME-ENERGY REBATES

The House passed, 246-161, a bill (HR 5019) authorizing rebates of up to \$8,000 per home for energy-efficiency projects. Modeled on the Cash for Clunkers law that spurred car sales last year, the program would last through 2012, cost \$6 billion and benefit 3 million households with upgrades in areas such as heating, air conditioning and Insulation.

Payments would go to the contractor for crediting to the property owner. The bill also would provide \$600 million for state programs in which mobile-home owners could receive up to \$10,000 for replacing pre-1976 homes with new, energy-efficient units. The bill is now before the Senate.

Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Los Angeles, said the program "more than anything is about jobs ... (It) will create 168,000 new jobs here in the United States ... that won't be outsourced overseas. They are construction jobs in our neighborhoods and our communities." Rep. Cliff Stearns, R-Fla., called the program "simply another multibillion-dollar government scheme that picks winners and losers through cash handouts to mostly... unionized labor at a time when the federal government is already running a \$1.5 trillion annual deficit." A "yes" vote was to pass the bill.

	Y	N	N
Brian Bilbray (R)			
Susan Davis (D)			
Bob Filner (D)			
Duncan Hunter (R)			
Darrell Issa (R)			